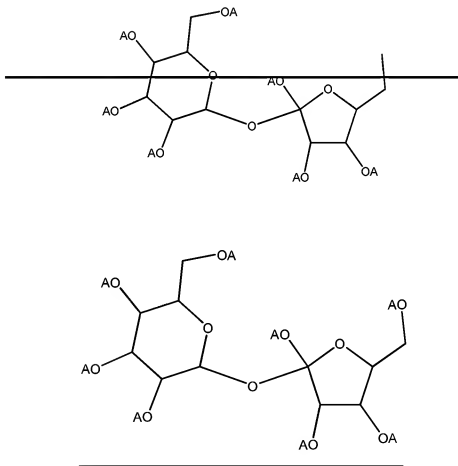


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for extruding a resin-containing composition comprising:
- a) providing an extrudable mass comprising at least one extrudable resin and at least one saccharide ester of Formula I:

Formula I



wherein each "A" is independently hydrogen or has the structure of Structure I:
Structure I



wherein each “R” is independently an aliphatic or aromatic moiety of about eight to about 40 carbon atoms, and wherein all of the “A” moieties of at least about 50 wt. % of the compounds of Formula I comprise moieties of Structure I; and

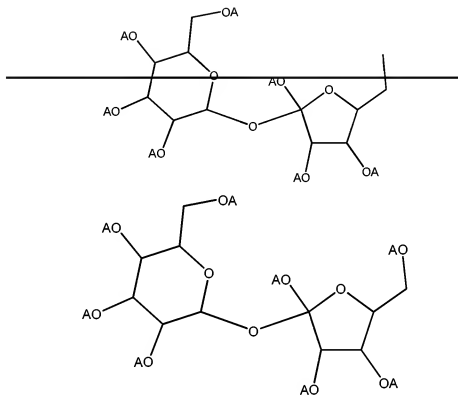
- b) extruding said extrudable mass to produce an extrudate.
2. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to improve the extrudability of said extrudable mass relative to the extrudability of the extrudable mass in the absence of said saccharide ester.
 3. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to improve the extrudability of said extrudable mass by at least about 10 percent relative to the extrudability of said extrudable mass in the absence of said saccharide ester.
 4. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said step of extruding produces an extruder head pressure and wherein saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to reduce said extruder head pressure relative to use of the same composition without said saccharide ester.
 5. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said step of extruding produces an extruder head pressure and wherein saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to reduce said extruder head pressure by at least about 10 percent relative to use of the same composition without said saccharide ester.
 6. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said step of extruding produces an extruder torque and wherein saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to reduce the required extruder torque relative to use of the same composition without said saccharide ester.

7. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said step of extruding produces an extruder torque and wherein saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to reduce the required extruder torque by at least about 10 percent relative to use of the same composition without said saccharide ester.
8. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to increase extrudate gloss relative to the use of said composition without said saccharide ester.
9. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to increase extrudate gloss by at least about 10 percent relative to the use of said composition without said saccharide ester.
10. (Original) The process of claim 4 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to reduce said extruder head pressure by at least about 10 percent relative to use of the same composition without said saccharide ester and wherein the extrudate gloss is not substantially reduced relative to the use of said composition without said saccharide ester.
11. (Original) The process of claim 6 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to reduce said extruder torque by at least about 10 percent relative to use of the same composition without said saccharide ester and wherein the extrudate gloss is not substantially reduced relative to the use of said composition without said saccharide ester.
12. (Original) The process of claim 4 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to reduce said extruder head pressure by at least about 10 percent relative to use of the same composition without said saccharide ester and wherein the dimensional stability of said extrudate is not substantially reduced relative to the use of said composition without said saccharide ester.

13. (Original) The process of claim 6 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to reduce said extruder torque by at least about 10 percent relative to use of the same composition without said saccharide ester and wherein the dimensional stability of said extrudate is not substantially reduced relative to the use of said composition without said saccharide ester.
14. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount effective to increase dynamic heat stability of the extrudable mass relative to said mass in the absence of said saccharide ester.
15. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein said saccharide ester comprises one or more compounds in which each "R" is an aliphatic moiety of about eight to about 40 carbon atoms.
16. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein all of the "A" moieties of at least about 70 wt. % of the saccharide ester compounds of Formula I comprise moieties of Structure I.
17. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 16, wherein substantially each "R" moiety of Structure I is a stearyl moiety.
18. (Original) The process of claim 1 wherein the amount of saccharide ester present in said extrudable composition is from about 0.01 PHR to about 2 PHR.
19. – 67. (Cancelled)
67. (Currently Amended) A process for extruding a composition comprising: providing an extrudable composition comprising an extrudable resin, at least one saccharide ester, and at least one additional constituent selected from the group consisting of supplemental lubricants, supplemental heat stabilizers and

combinations of these, said at least one saccharide ester being at least one compound of Formula I:

Formula I



wherein each “A” is independently hydrogen or has the structure of Structure I:
Structure I

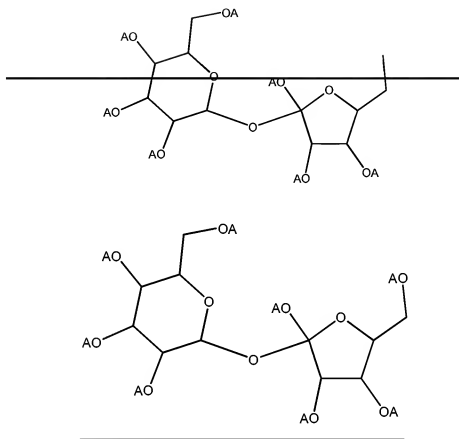


wherein each “R” is independently an aliphatic or aromatic moiety of about eight to about 40 carbon atoms, and wherein all of the “A” moieties of at least about 50 wt. % of the compounds of Formula I comprise moieties of Structure I; and extruding the extrudable composition to produce an extrudate.

68. – 70. (Cancelled)

71. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein said extrudable resin comprises polyvinyl chloride resin.
72. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein all of the “A” moieties of substantially all of said saccharide ester compounds of Formula I comprise moieties of Structure I.
73. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the amount of saccharide ester present in said extrudable composition is from about 0.05 PHR to about 0.9 PHR.
74. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the amount of saccharide ester present in said extrudable composition is from about 0.1 PHR to about 0.8 PHR.
75. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1 wherein the amount of saccharide ester present in said extrudable composition is from about 0.1 PHR to about 0.4 PHR.
76. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 1 wherein said saccharide ester compound comprises one or more compounds of Formula I.

Formula I:



wherein each "A" is independently hydrogen or has the structure of Structure I:

Structure I



wherein substantially each "R" is an aliphatic moiety of about 12 to about 26

carbon atoms.

77. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 76 wherein said composition comprises saccharide ester in an amount of from about 0.01 PHR to about 2 PHR.
78. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 76 wherein said composition comprises saccharide ester in an amount of from about 0.1 PHR to about 0.4 PHR.
79. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 76 wherein said saccharide ester comprises sucrose soyate.
80. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 76 wherein said saccharide ester comprises sucrose behenate.
81. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 76 wherein the saccharide ester is selected from the group consisting of sucrose stearate, sucrose soyate, sucrose behenate and combinations of these.
82. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 72 wherein said composition further comprising calcium stearate.
83. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 67 wherein said composition further comprises a mixture of calcium hydroxide and stearic acid present in a ratio of from about 1:6 to about 1:10.
84. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 67 wherein said additional constituent comprises at least one lubricant selected from the group consisting of paraffin wax lubricants and oxidized polyethylene lubricants and said saccharide ester is present in an amount of from about 1 wt. % to about 99 wt. % of the additive composition.

85. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 67 wherein said additional constituent comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of tin-based heat stabilizers, organic-based heat stabilizers, heavy metal-based heat stabilizers and mixed metal-based heat stabilizers, and wherein said saccharide ester is present in an amount of from about 1 wt. % to about 99 wt. % of the total of said additives.